

REMARKS

As of this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 18-22, 31, and 36 are pending and were allowed in the Office Action mailed July 5, 2007.

Applicants herein amend claim 21 to correct for an inadvertent typographical error. The word "traverse" replaces the word "transverse". Support for this amendment is found, for example, in claim 1. No new matter is added, and this amendment has no effect on allowability or patentability.

Applicants amend claim 36 so that it depends from claim 31 instead of cancelled claim 30. On February 14, 2008, Applicants' representative, Gary Nitowski, had a telephone conversation with the Examiner in which the Examiner agreed to make the amendment to claim 36 in an Examiner's Amendment. During that conversation, Examiner Grant also indicated that he would recommend that the pending claims be allowed. This paragraph summarizes the conversation with the Examiner. This amendment is to fix an obvious and inadvertent typographical error and has no effect on patentability. Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendment to claim 36, if this has not already been done through an Examiner's Amendment.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's diligence in this matter and request that the Examiner enter the amendments herein. Applicants respectfully repeat their request for a Notice of Allowance for the allowed claims.

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CONCLUSION

As of this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 18-22, 31, and 36 are pending and were allowed in the Office Action. All rejected claims were cancelled without prejudice in Applicants' response dated October 5, 2007. There being no other rejections, Applicants respectfully request that the current application be allowed and passed to issue.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or need any additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. To the extent that fees may be required for this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account 50-0436.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Nitowski", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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